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WASHINGTON.

The Senate Resumes Discussion of the Utah Bill.

LIST OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEES

Benjamin Falls to Secure a Place on the River and Harbor Committee—The Silver Question in Europe.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON Jan 7—The chair laid before the senate a letter from the secretary of war transmitting a report from West Point students who are to be graduated in June 1886 praying that provision may be made for their appointment to the army. Referred to the committee on military affairs.

A resolution offered by Mr Anderson was agreed to calling on the secretary of the interior for information as to whether any surveys of public lands have been made within Cal. last two years in Nebraska, whether there be any unsurveyed public lands in the state which recommendations have been made within the last three years to the surveyor general of this district as to the continuance of such office and whether it is advisable to discontinue the office of surveyor general.

Mr Platt, the committee on commerce, reported favorably a bill relating to the city of Portland, Or., on the provisions of the law of 1884 relating to intermediate transportation of dutiable goods, also similar bills relating to Omaha, Neb., and Port Townsend, W. T. The bills, on Mr Platt's motion were at once passed.

THE TERRITORIES BILL.

Mr Morrill offered as a substitute for a resolution recently offered by Mr Call, a resolution providing that the committee on appropriations in charge of the sundry civil appropriation bill be instructed to report that amendment to the bill which was proposed by the committee on appropriations in the last congress providing for the payment of the claims of the Territory of Utah for the expenses of the Utah commission, and that the committee on appropriations be instructed to report an amendment

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THE SILVER QUESTION.

Owing partly to the increased proportion of silver produced from the mines of the world during recent years, partly to decline of the gold product, and partly to the policy of those financial bodies which have demonetized silver or discriminated against it, there has been a relative, if not a positive, increase in the value of silver between the two metals as compared with former years. Gold has been growing scarcer, and more sought after, and the increase produced by the policy of the kings of credit and of commerce, who, while they can make it freely in unlimited amounts, have desire to diminish all other values by rendering money scarce and dear. In European countries there has been no check upon this policy, because popular government does not exist therein. In the United States there has been no effort to check it, but the effort is a futile one, since a single country can stand against the forces which the kings of credit and of commerce throughout the world are able to wield. In these circumstances our policy of coining silver is doing us no good. On the contrary, it tends directly to postponement of any international agreement as to the position of silver as a factor in the money system of the civilized world.

Nothing can be plainer than the fact that if we continue to coin silver as we are doing now we shall eventually have silver as the basis of our circulation. When the amount of our legal tender silver dollars in the gold, the silver, as the more valuable money, will leave us or hide away, just as it did during the war when irredeemable paper became the money of the country. When we reach the silver basis our gold, going to England, will reinforce the circulation of that country, and England will become more than ever to any international agreement as to the use of silver. The most feasible plan to get bi-metals see this, and they there re gin the suspension of silver coinage by the United States, holding that continuation of this coinage tends directly and powerfully to postponement of any adjustment of gold and silver on a new relation in the commerce of the world. Our policy of coining silver, while we are pursuing as a means of checking the arrogance and rapacity of the gold ring, instead of leading to this result, will in the end have the directly opposite effect. We shall find that instead of mastering the gold ring we are playing directly into its hands—and perhaps in our own country, but certainly in the world at large.

This is a serious dilemma for the United States. It could be apparent by this time that by continuing our silver coinage we shall not break the power of the world's gold ring, but will merely make the United States a silver country. The change will disturb values profoundly, equating many of the investments of our experience with greenbacks. We have now about $200,000,000 of full legal tender silver most of which remains in the treasury. Gold has been put out for it, the silver has been reduced and locked up, and the treasury is at the expense of the transaction. There is enough of this silver, unless the mints ceases to buy it of gold. In present circumstances we do not doubt that the ex dollar of the unit could and would be to sell at par with the present, the coinage of silver. The fact that the world's supply of gold is far greater to-day than ever before, and that this is the great factor of the steady shrinkage of prices about pertinent here, because we shall not, by purchasing an ounce of silver, without agreement with other nations change the fact. This silver question will never be settled by the United States alone, because our members of congress seek as they do no doubt what is best for the whole country, but the effort in a futile one, since a single country can stand against the forces which the kings of credit and of commerce throughout the world are able to wield. In these circumstances our policy of coining silver is doing us no good. On the contrary, it tends directly to postponement of any international agreement as to the position of silver as a factor in the money system of the civilized world.

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CALIFORNIA.

It will be remembered that California entered upon the year 1885 in a condition bordering upon financial and industrial distress. The low price of wheat just and prospective, the demoralization of the railroad interest owing to the legal injunction against by-pass in operations, the paralysis of the fruit interest through lack of the railroad facilities for jobbing trade through the combination of the Northern Pacific—all these, with the general depression in the business world of which California had her share, made it impossible anything but pessimism as a proper state of mind. It is a matter of congratulation that on the whole the year was a better one than the most sanguine expected, and that to close shows an improved business interest excepting that of wheat, with a prospect full as great as ever. The wheat, the year just begun. The New York Review of the San Francisco *Chronicle* furnishes a statement of last year's crop and its results from which the following sketches are taken: The wheat crop was 38,000,000 bushels short, owing to unfavorable weather, nevertheless the year's shipments footed up a value of $15,338,422. Commenting on the shortage of the year and the fact that the value of the output was only about half of former years, the *Chronicle* says: "There is a few countries in the world who the farmers can afford a crop when at less than a profit, and certainly California is not one of them. With the development of wheat culture in States which can grow nothing else and in foreign countries as India Australia and Mexico, it is substantial advance in the market price of wheat can be expected unless there should be a crop failure in some large producing country, and under the circumstances, land in this state can be turned to better account by planting to fruit. These are words of wisdom, quite as applicable to the western counties of Oregon as to California.

The fruit interest has been highly prosperous and has accomplished a great deal in an organization for the purpose of marketing. Though the railway authorities have not totally agreed to carry fruit to the east in fast freight trains at $300 a car they are doing so, and they agree to do so whenever the fruit growers will insure them a train of cars per day. This will be done through the Fruit Union during the coming season. Heretofore the competition in the eastern market has been ruinous, not from an over supply but from unlimely and competitive sending. For example, thirteen car loads of California fruit arrive at Denver in one day, while only a single car load arrived at Cincinnati during the whole season. By use of the telegraph an agent at Council Bluffs will diminish the cars as they arrive where they are most needed, and thus better prices will be secured and waste prevented. The climate of California is the grape and the great growing section of the state in wine making. During the year 1885 600,000 gallons were made. An unusual frost in May destroyed a large share of the crop or this wine output would have been much larger. The production of raisins was 450,000 boxes. In California there are now 15,000 acres in vines, and the area is constantly increasing. It is the general opinion that the wine and raisin interest will shortly be the chief interest in California.

Mining has looked up wonderfully during the year, the total product being $14,000,000 in gold and $6,000,000 in silver. The rapid development of the mines during the past year was due to the general introduction of improved processes. Thirty years ago, ore carrying as ounces and a half of gold was not thought worth working. Now ore carrying half an ounce is considered very good, and ore carrying a quarter of an ounce yields, under favorable circumstances, very handsome profits. This change has led to the reopening of many old mines which were abandoned in consequence of a decline in the grade of ores, and to the opening of new veins which, in old times were held to promise too poorly to be worth trying. The extent of the low grade ground in comparison with the *Chronicle* thinks that within the next five years the annual output will be quadrupled.

In general respects, there has been great improvement in business in California. The steam trade is steadily increasing. Manufacturing is getting a foothold though it is still far short of what it should be. The population is steadily increasing by immigration. In San Francisco the list of new buildings for the year, as against $6,242,807 in 1884, $5,281,680 in 1883, $3,805,415 in 1882, and $1,754,455 in 1881. On the whole California is fairly prosperous again with good hopes for the future.

THE AYER COPYRIGHT.

At the late special session of the legislature a bill was passed prescribing a definite system of book-keeping to be used for and in connection with the registration of voters, under the Simon registry law enacted at the special legislative session. The bill was introduced in the house by M. Bourne, and after its passage devolved upon its reception to be senated Mr Simon took charge of it and prompted its passage through that body. The bill originally was furnished to Mr Bourne for introduction by W. R. Ayer & Co., bookseliers and stationers, of this city, who, some weeks before the convening of the legislature had secured a copyright upon the forms which it prescribed. This fact was known to Messrs. Bourne and Simon, and shortly after adjournment became generally known from circulars issued to the various county authorities by Ayer & Co., offering the books for sale and soliciting for their exclusive right to manufacture them according to the legal forms. There was a natural feeling on the part of the public that the legislature had done wrong to make a law giving a particular firm a monopoly of the business of supplying the books and when it became known that neither before nor during its consideration of the bill was the legislature informed that the forms prescribed had been copyrighted, there was a general murmur of disapproval. The criticism which followed, while entirely just as to the principle of the thing does not seem intelligent and has assumed a malicious purposes on the part of Messrs. Ayer Simon and Bourne which we are convinced they have not entertained at any time. Messrs. Bourne and Simon evidently thought the system which was original with Ayer & Co., the very best possible, and took as fair use would be an advantage to the state in that it would secure cleanness and uniformity, as Ayer & Co had the natural interest of business men to secure their own advantage. While we cannot think that the action of either was wholly proper, still we are convinced that there was no dishonest intent. Since the matter has become a subject of misunderstanding and criticism, Ayer & Co have decided to relinquish their copyright and to dedicate their privileges under it to the public appearing in the market only as a competitor with others who may wish to supply the books, and we are authorized to announce their waiver of all claims under the copyright which they hold. It is only just to say that the prices put in the books by Ayer & Co was on a fair market price, much less in fact than the book ground to be made for mutually high-cost of a wholesale system of manufacture. The repeal of the copyright will not reduce the price of the books.

The old question of opposition to the introduction of labor-saving machinery was revived in an extensive box factory in Chicago a few days ago, the workmen to the number of 100 striking on a demand for the removal of new machines from the shops. They are peremptory in this demand, and present in its support the old argument that these useless dampers in the demand of labor bore no needs to be employed and no consequences to consult, and hence should not be allowed to compete with labor that must be nourished and warmed. The question of right in the abstract in this matter is easily settled. Indeed there is no question as to the right of manufacturers to use such appliances in their business as in their judgment best serve the purpose for which all business is established—the purpose of making money. There is a question of humanity, however, involved in the matter, the operation of which clearly decides in favor of giving preference, other conditions being equal, or nearly so, to the labor that has human needs dependent upon it for the comforts and even for the necessities of existence. The power of a strike—of self an arbitrary measure, seeking to compulsion—to enforce this law is an remedy doubtful.

Inasmuch as nothing more can be done for the possible relief of the miners imprisoned at Saint Ignace, sentimentalists are urging that a benefit be held for them. The families of many of them being in need of the common necessaries of life, a good opportunity is here offered to subscribe to and for a stone.

They say a boy was born in Tennessee the other day with two hands behind him. We still expect him to immigrate to Oregon, be a member of the legislature and vote for McNeil. It won't make any difference whether he is a democrat or republican.

The Fird creek road commissioners have gone to work diligently and plans and specifications for the work have already been made public. Actual work will begin soon.

The lower house of the territorial legislature has passed a local option bill by small majority. We understand that the bill is similar to the Keady law of Oregon.

Prophecy Seconded.
Walla Walla Journal.

A Spokane Falls paper having remarked that that town Washington was rapidly growing in importance, the Spokane Falls Review of the latter paper feels, therefore. This is very complimented. Pasco Washington was fully recognized by Mr. Wagner as it starts in on the race over Basin. Mr. Wagner treated the delegation from that city and fully deserving the splendid reception Eastern Washington tendered him. Oregon. This is a good time to say that nowhere has the Review seen a more cordial reception than it met with at Pasco. Mr. Wagner's review. The Chronicle hails the Pasco delegation as the finest specimen of manhood it has seen in the Northwest. Pasco is the metropolis of the entire northwest with a magnificent back country, and is destined to be a large and comprehensive condition. Spokane Falls Review.

The Pasco delegation was entertained by the Walla Walla delegation with a banquet at the Dacres hotel on the evening of the 31st. Toasts were responded to by Mr. Wagner, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Dacres, Mr. Dacres, Mr. Dacres

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

PORTLAND Jan 7—8 10 P M

Place of Observation	Bar	Ther	Wind	Weather
Tatoosh	30 11	-18	2	0
Dalles	30 02	-14	6	Clear
Boise City	30 21	-10	6	0
Lewiston	30 27	-01	0	0
Portland	30 21	-01	0	0
Roseburg	30 21	-01	0	0
Port Townsend	30 21	-01	0	0
Walla Walla	30 21	-01	0	0
Yaquina	30 21	-01	0	0

Light to the eastward

THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN.

This edition now leads the regular Weekly both as to the Great Britain making it superior to any paper north of San Francisco As an advertising medium its value is apparent.

OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

Passed Herem to arrive over the N Pacific Express for Mr Frank Wood wife and child Mrs Jane A Jacobs Washington to arrive over the Short Line C H Roberts Quincy Wash and nine Chinese immigrants

THE EAST SIDE.

INSTALLATION AND SOCIAL.

The officers elect of Summer post No 9 G A R were installed last evening by Dorlaska Post No Sheer, details of the ceremony have been given in the Oregonian. The installation was public and the hall was crowded with friends of the members and the band played choice selections to witness the ceremonies and enjoy the camp-fire festivities which followed. Past Commander J E Severs made a neat speech on the occasion, after which the evening was given up to music, mirth and much smoke. The occasion was enlivened by a patriotic and humorous address by Mr Sperry a prominent member of the Post, a portion of which, describing Jack Frost's visit to Portland, was in Dutch dialect and elicited hearty laughter. The address gave a brief history of the Grand Army and the good it has done, with its members of 400 000. The entertainment was of the most enjoyable nature, and the refreshments served by the ladies of the Relief Corps were all that could be desired. The post has been very successful since the first meeting was called, with the members of 400 000. The entertainments given by the Post are always of the most enjoyable nature, and that of last evening was no exception to the rule.

COMPANY INSPECTION

The quarterly inspection of company C O N G Guard took place at their armory last evening before Lieut Col Gibbs. Owing to inability to muster a large force, the company's new work present Capt Schlussler being also absent it was thought best not to hold the inspection. There were present however quite a number of spectators, among whom were many ladies, who seemed to enjoy the evening's entertainment. The company was put through the manual of arms by Sergeant Smith, and the marching and evolutions were executed in a manner which showed careful drilling. The inspection was entirely informal.

HOUSE BREAKING

Yesterday a forenoon the residence of Wm Hussey Fifth and Pacific streets Hostetter's addition was entered during the absence of the family and everything that was secreted in pockets and unimportant. Every room was ransacked, but the above was all that was missed.

The residence of Mrs A F Smith on Caruthers street was also visited the other evening while the inmates were absent and Red Cox a young man returning first found the door open and the house had been ransacked. The young man opened it and upon going to the back door noticed it was time to go a fellow making off with a bundle under his arm. He then, instead of running that direction, started in front of the house and in a manner which showed that he had been there before. He then ran down the street and disappeared. Cox then followed the direction the burglar had taken and found one of the windows of a house which had been opened and through it the floor. Upon entering the house he found that everything had been ransacked and the contents scattered about the floor. Upon examining the premises he found that the burglar had entered the house through the window and left by the front door. Cox then went to the house where the burglar had been seen coming from and found one of the inmates there. He then returned to the house and found that everything had been taken that could be carried away. The burglar is described as being about 5 feet 10 inches in height, weighing about 150 pounds, dark complexion, dark hair and eyes, and wearing a dark suit of clothes and a dark overcoat. He is supposed to be a professional burglar.

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UNION ITEMS

UNION Jan 5

We have about four inches of snow on the ground now.

The Odays passed off quietly and pleasantly with the exception of parties dances and shooting matches held in this town.

County commissioners are at the court house to-day for the purpose of meeting a board of registration and the clerks.

Joseph Vow Brandt was one of this county who went to New mexico last year in the east visiting relatives are home again much to the joy of old friends.

The Union Literary society meets regularly on Monday evenings at the school house. At the election of officers last evening Mr W Strahan was elected president and H B Pittman also honored with the office of janitor.

John Ware is now being tugged between some of our legal practitioners on the question of title to the strip of land on which the Grand Central Hotel stands. The interest of two children and a widow are involved. The most deserving of the three we cannot say.

Mr and Mrs Wm Vaughn made a treat spread on New Years Eve which came off at their residence, after which the evening was given to the male, fairly and much smoke. The occasion was enlivened by a patriotic and humorous address by Mr Sperry a prominent member of the Post, a portion of which, describing Jack Frost's visit to Portland was in Dutch dialect and elicited hearty laughter. The address gave a brief history of the Grand Army and the good it has done, with its members of 400 000. The entertainments given by the Post are always of the most enjoyable nature, and that of last evening was no exception to the rule.

COMPANY INSPECTION

The quarterly inspection of company C O N G Guard took place at their armory last evening before Lieut Col Gibbs. Owing to inability to muster a large force, the company's new work present Capt Schlussler being also absent it was thought best not to hold the inspection. There were present however quite a number of spectators, among whom were many ladies, who seemed to enjoy the evening's entertainment. The company was put through the manual of arms by Sergeant Smith, and the marching and evolutions were executed in a manner which showed careful drilling. The inspection was entirely informal.

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NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST.

OREGON.

The Albany Catholic church will be dedicated January 17.

A little over ten tell at Prineville last week, but snow swells it.

Pend eleille's new $18,000 school house will be completed until spring.

Crook county's new court house has just been completed, at a cost of $6 00

Z. F. Mc ey will build a large and commodious brick warehouse at Arlington next spring.

Logan Jaye, of Albany, fell while roller skating Monday evening, fracturing his left arm below the elbow.

Mrs. Alice Shaw, a well known young lady of Eugene City died on Sunday last, leaving a babe of three weeks.

The farmers of Ochoco valley have been plowing till within the past few days, and most of them are prepared to put in large crops next spring.

Fall sowed wheat looks well around Needy Astoria sold $2142 for killing dogs last year. Salem expects to be lighted by electricity soon.

There are about 16,000 bushels of unsold wheat at Shelkum.

The Ben dict ne sisters opened their school at Oregon City Monday last with fifty scholars

The Ochoco valley has had just three days of weather during the present season tha might be called winter.

Muckle Bros. mill at St. Helens has been cutting a lot of 5000 railroad ties, the largest order executed by the mill for some time.

The city treasurer of Albany reports last year's receipts at $1 47 and expenses $1028, leaving a balance on hand of $128 to begin the new year with.

Greenberry Smith, of Corvallis, a well-known pioneer settler, and one of the largest land owners in the state, is very sick and his recovery is despaired of.

The parties who recently purchased the Sumpter valley mines are employing a large force of men, who will be given employment during the winter.

A correspondent from High and, Clackamas county, says that they have had a little snow there this winter The farmers are very busy clearing and hauling land. That peace and plenty prevails. There six new farms have been opened in his neighborhood this fall.

Albany *Herald* The new building which is being erected by Brush & Son, for their wire factory, is finished, and will be ready to receive their machinery by the end of the present month A large force of mechanics are employed who are pushing the work and are at present putting in the flume for the water power

Albany *Herald* The Indian wife of "Warm Spring Johnny," a white man, who, since his childhood has lived with the Indians, died near his city Wednesday morning, of lung fever The husband whose real name is unknown, was well known in the early days of Oregon as an Indian scout, and also served in the United States army during the civil war. He was captured when a child, by the Indians, and with them has ever lost his own name. He has lived for many years with his Indian wife, in a little cabin near the Calapooia river, near which she will be buried.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY

Spokane Falls wants the territorial insane asylum located there.

A colony of twenty families from Missouri will settle near Prosser.

The Yakima *Former* wants a starch factory established in that thriving town.

The Simcoe reservation is said to be capable of supporting 3000 families with good farms

Green grasses on the Columbia river slope in Klickitat county six inches high already

Fort Gamble vessels with tonnage of 43 476 and 2 are now loading coal or lumber at Puget Sound ports.

Cattle on Klickitat range required no feed up to December 25, and those on the Columbia range are still faring well.

The fees from business in the United States land office at Walla Walla last month exceeded the maximum by $200

Columbian Leaves has presented a petition to be counted signed by 2880 residents of Spokane county, praying for prohibition

Workmen are engaged in driving piles for an extension to the Blaine sawmill and for a new building for the furniture factory

There is quite a number of horses afflicted in Klittitas county with lung trouble, but it is less fatal now than it has been during former winters

Hereafter there will be two courts a year in Klickitat county and each term is given ten days The first court will be held on the first Monday in April

Travel over the Snoqualmie wagon road has about ceased for the winter, and it is understood no attempt will be made to keep the road open this winter

F. J. Reinhard, of Walla Walla, has received an appointment as superintendent of instruction at the Simcoe Indian reservation, and started for his new home on January 1

In leaving the wharf at Seattle Tuesday the anchor cable of the Queen caught on a fender pile in the bed of the Ocean dock and tore loose about ten feet of the upper guard of the stern ner

Three trips of vessels in Port Discovery at present, and the mail is now sent down for the purpose of hauling extensive improvements to the hospital buildings. It will probably take four or five weeks to complete the repairs and alterations.

Hey Cushing Kesiah 75 years old and is still able to take good work. He spends the most of his time at Cheney, Spokane Falls and other places in Spokane and Stevens counties. He has been a missionary and preacher for forty seven years.

It is predicted that the wool clip next spring will be much better than the average of other years. The conclusion is arrived at because of the extra good condition of the sheep at this time of the year.

The grand jury of Whitman county found forty four bills against persons for cattle and horse stealing and then stopped work, stating that they believed the court had enough business to last until another session.

Tug Hercules towed to sea on New Year's day the ship Henry Bruhn, Captain Goodell, with a cargo of lumber and spars, bound for Boston. She remained in Port Townsend harbor, after being loaded fifteen days, ship ing a crew and making preparations for sea.

Yakima *Signal* The first of this week the track laying reached the second crossing of the Yakima, and now the falsework of the bridge is being put in place. After the progress of the past few days it is expected the road will be completed to Ellensburg about the first of February.

A. E. Perry raised this season near Walla Walla, on four acres six tons of fine Orinoco and White Burley tobacco, on which he will realize $100.0. All of the middle portion of the Columbia river basin, including the Yakima valley, is pre-eminently adapted to the culture of fine grades of this weed.

Tuesday morning, about 9 o'clock, the little 2-year old son of Mr. Charles Engerson, foreman of the stack of pile-driving machinery at Tacoma, let some means obtained a vial containing carbolic acid and swallowed about a table-spoonful. A physician was called and administered an antidote, and the child is now out of danger

Yakima *Signal* Bridge material is being forwarded to every train for the first and second crossings of the Yakima. The iron draw built for the Alder creek bridge, but rejected on account of a mistake made in dimensions when ordered will be utilized at the first crossing, while a Howe truss of 300 feet span will bridge the stream at the second crossing

The first official return of the militia of Washington Territory ever forwarded to the adjutant general of the United States army at Washington D. C. was transmitted January 4 by Adjutant General S. C. Gordon from which it appears that the forces consist of 81 commissioned officers, 5 non-commissioned officers, 12 musicians and 98 privates, making a full strength of 548.

Since the last biennial report in 1883 Washington Territory has raised for school purposes $664 642 5, and has expended $674 611 33, causing an undepended balance to the credit of the school fund of $7 0,023 41 During the same period the territory has built 168 school houses and leased 267 more school districts and there are now in the territory 37,150 children of school age

Since the North Yakima postoffice was opened, April 14, 1884, the amount of postage stamps sold was $2346. The number of letters registered, from April 3, 510, number registered received, 732; number recorded in transit, 1195 The postal money order department was opened July 1st, and from that date to December 31, there were ordered issued, 485, of the amount of $12 550, orders received and paid, 374, amount, $4570 postal notes issued, 185 amount, $171 postal notes received and paid, 128, amount, $294.

Kilensite *Locomotive* The first railroad bridge over the Yakima river is 1'00 feet long and is located some four miles above the mouth of the Naches river The distance from the first to the second bridge is seven miles. Length of second, 230 and 270 feet. Half of the force, fifty men, have been employed while the temporary bridge was building. Rocks from the bridge will be ready to cross by the construction train. There are only three contracts left to finish before all will finish his in about one week, and Nelson and Morton will require two weeks each to finish theirs. Practically all the contracts except the three named are finished After 60s mile a day of track is being laid In three weeks bridge No. 3 will be reached and that will bring the road within seven miles of the Dalles Unless the weather gets too bad the road will be finished to this place by February 1

About 8 o'clock Sunday night at Porter's prairie, in the southern part of King county about forty miles from Seattle, John Barnes accidentally shot Eugene Cole, in a dispute over Barnes's accepted son. The ball entered Cole's hand made its exit through his right chest Both men are farmers on Porter's prairie. After the shooting Barnes walked to Seattle and gave himself up to Sheriff McIlraw

Blaine *Journal* A boom of 400 piles, in the mouth of Dakota creek broke loose on Sunday evening last, and all the piles but one drifted out into Drayton harbor, where they literally spread themselves, and floated ashore in all directions Although several men have been at work since Sunday morning the scattered piles have not yet been all gathered together. It is thought that "few if any, of them drifted out to the bay or They belonged to the McPherson brothers and were for the Blaine wharf

Ellensburg (W T) *Localizer* Last Monday, December 28, plows were running here, and the farmers generally preparing the ground for early sowing has been continued all through December Up to the 28th there was no frost in the ground Since that between two and three inches of snow has fallen which is still on the ground On Wednesday night the severest cold of the winter was experienced, and the mercury on Thursday morning stood at 11 degrees above zero Plowing and grading too, have been continued throughout this month along the rail road.

Port Townsend *Call* On the 24 of December last a sailor was missed from the ship Jeremiah Thompson, then loading lumber at Port Discovery He was one of several men who went from Port Townsend a few days previous to this to board the vessel It was supposed that he had "skipped out," and nothing was heard of him until Tuesday afternoon, when a corpse was discovered floating near the mill wharf, which proved to be the missing man. In the water the body stood almost upright, with head slightly bowed and hands clasped together

Tacoma *News* Jan 4 On last Wednesday a tramp put in an appearance at the house of W A. Berry, and asked to carry in a load of coal His request was granted, and while he was busily engaged at work Mrs. Berry had occasion to step, for a few minutes, into the house of a friend close by She returned in a short time and paid the coal carrier She had no reason to suspect anything wrong, yet on Saturday she was astonished and chagrined to discover that some valuable jewelry, consisting of watch and chain and two rings, were missing. She immediately suspected the tramp, who was arrested yesterday morning at an early hour.

A lodge of knights of Pythias, with twenty-six charter members, is about to be organized in the promising town of Mount Vernon.

The American ship Harvey Mills, of 2077 tons will take a cargo of lumber from the Sound to Santa Fenalis, Mexico She will return from Mexico for a cargo of coal to take to San Francisco.

Monday evening a young man started from Spokane Falls to Fort Coeur d'Alene with three women of the town in a carriage, and while on the road between Cowley's bridge and the past one of the women died of heart disease.

Petitions are now being circulated in the north part of Clarke county for the formation of a new county, taking in Cowlitz east of Kalama, part of Clarke county to a point east of Union Ridge, and a portion of Skamania county. A majority of the people in the north part of Clarke county seem to favor the move

A dispatch to the Port Townsend *Argus* from Tungeness says Two white men were found dead in a boat by Indians, at Jamestown, five miles from Tungeness. They are supposed to be Jim Govan, er, and Daniel Crownin, who left in a boat for Sequim last night. Crownin belongs to Tungeness and Govan has a farm near Sequim It is reported that there is a bullet hole in one of the heads, and foul play is suspected The boat was not capsized One of the bodies was hanging over the gunwale when found

Tacoma *News* Some three months ago an employe of Hanson's mill, named Berry was run over by a cog wheel and injured to such an extent that an amputation of one of his legs became necessary. This was performed on the 15th, shortly after the injury was inflicted The patient was doing well enough till yesterday when a fall on the floor caused the bending wound to open and the bone of the amputated leg to break through the sore, thus necessitating a second amputation, which was performed this morning

Walla Walla Journal In consequence of the shutdown of the government telegraph line between Dayton and Lewiston, wire communication between the latter point and the outside world is cut off at present Lewiston merchants intend to purchase the government wire at the coming sale, and put it in service in connection with the Western Union line from Dayton and thatcrow in process of construction from Spokane Falls to Pomeroy. The force is setting poles along the Starbuck route

A Bold Burglary

Seattle Post Intelligencer, Jan 3

B H Stull resides on the corner of Fifth and Jefferson streets, near the home of Sheriff John H Mc raw. The family consists of father, mother and three children. Yesterday afternoon two of the children were at school, the husband on duty at work, and between 2 30 and 3 P M Mrs. Stull went over to visit one of her neighbors On her return home at 3 o'clock she was surprised to find everything in the house upside down She at once notified her husband, who hastened home, and on examination found that the thief or thieves had entered by a rear door, reached the house, stolen four gold watches and chains, some clothing and $36 in coin belonging to Ed Green, who roomed in the house There seems to be no clue to the perpetrators of this daring burglary He thief made his escape by a side door, which he unbolted

The Horse Mavon District.

Yakima Farmer

Capt. Kingsbury, deputy county surveyor, has just returned from Horse Heaven, where he has surveyed several new county roads. He saw over 100 plows breaking virgin soil A M Kelso and three brothers are improving large tracts of land Two of the boys broke 125 acres in eight days with common walking plows, and three horses to each A M Kelso is building a $3000 residence, and is soon to be married The settlers are finding water much more plentiful since they began to cultivate the land By the time the prairie is broken it is impervious to water, and both snow and rain run off as water does from a duck's back, but, after being tilled, the ground drinks up the water like a sponge D. S. White has 320 acres broken, Mr. Webber 320 acres and two gang plows running, and has a nice residence. D K Buford has 800 acres in winter wheat and is putting 300 acres in barley He has three sulky gang plows with six horses to each, and lives in a fine house. A little further along, toward Bickleton, Tobias Beckner is fixed like a solid farmer in the states. He has crushed 6000 bushels of wheat in his chop mill, for neighbors, besides crushing for his own stock This is twelve miles south of the Mabton railroad station, in Yakima valley The most auspicious persons do not realize all that is in store for that splendid and extensive district. Its latent resources become developed by the handiwork of man

MONTANA

Dillon reports a fine shipping the past year, in its railway business The receipts of the Utah & Northern at that station for general freight aggregated $141, 29. There was shipped 2 1 (60 pounds of bullion valued at $51 000, and 1,85 000 of ore, worth $145,5 0

The difficulties between the mail men of Butte and the Union Pacific railroad company over the rates charged by the latter on mail shipments are said to be satisfactorily adjusted This will preclude the necessity of shipping two tha miles and ore, which was seriously contemplated

Livingston *Enterprise* One of the most substantial sources of revenue that Livingston now enjoys is from the Northern Pacific railroad The average monthly payment of wages by the company to its employes aggregates over $30 000, and it is safe to say that of this amount fully three fourths is disbursed among our business men.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The young man, Scobie, who while killing fish with explosives, had both hands blown off, died at Lillooet last Saturday

The crab packs from Nanaimo for December were 22 486 tins, and for the whole year 1 1 91 tins There were also exported during the year 300 tons of fresh crabs.

IDAHO

A new M E church building, costing $2 000 is nearly completed in Idaho Valley.

Capt. J. C. Bennett, of Bellevue, was thrown from a sleigh several days ago, causing internal injuries from which he has since died.

The finest and cheapest of Sweetmeats; things worth's Instant Chocolate. Try it. 6

COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY, Jan 7

Overland receipts include 410 cs canned goods 6 cs cured fish 295 bdls newspaper 75 bxs nails, 184 pigs iphaeco 61 bdls lead 60 bdls tobacco 1 cs goods 4 cs mdse and 200 bxs candles 5 bdls baskets, 6 bbls maple syrup 2 bbls nuts

The following London correspondence to the *Northwestern Miller* bears date of December 19 Canadian stocks are now pretty well run out, and stocks in this country will decrease during the next three months say up to April 1 shipping America does no send us more than we have been doing since September 1. I think it is fair to assume that our stocks which are now estimated at 20,000,000 bushels in first hands will be reduced to about 25,000 bushels by April 1 or as has been send us no wheat. It is true at the end of 1000 000 bushels per week lately but this cannot last long, a million November December contracts are all filled, I expect quite falling off All other sources of supply between now and April are tolerably easy to gauge and the result is that stocks shown April 1st early dock upon this will by no one even pretend to be anything like adequate to our requirements. We must be heavy buyers. Meanwhile speculation here is almost dead although for a premium of 1 than 5 per quarter any amount of wheat can be bought for shipment next March from India Italy and even the main prop of prices is lacking, entirely Nearly all the wheat now afloat is mostly destined for millers and is being taken off the sea as fast as it arrives Millers have no stocks worth mentioning, and are all hand to mouth Stocks are still the smallest on record for the time of year, and the quantity afloat is the least for many years past Flour is in good demand and prices are firm"

New York Jan 7—Wheat opened dull and steady, No 2 red March 81 @81 1 February 81 March 84 May Corn dull Rye steady Barley nominal

NEW YORK MARKETS

NEW YORK Jan 7—Wheat opened 1@2c higher Prime Exchange, dull Corn steady and unchanged

BONDS

4s	101¾	4s	12
4½s	112¾	Pacific 6s	1
	87 @ 88		
American	103¾	Northwestern	109½
Can Pacific	65¾	N Y Central	10
Canada Southern	52	Ohio Pacific	80¾
Central Pacific	33¾	Transcontinental	18
Burlington	136¾	Improvement	8
Lackawanna	121	Pacific Mail	6
Rio Grande	19¾	Plumb	38
Erie	27	Rock Island	129
Kansas & Texas	11	St Paul	
Lake Shore	89¾	Texas Pacific	12¾
Louisville Nashville	44	Union Pacific	45¾
Michigan Central	1	United States Ex	
Northern Pacific	30¾	Pref	1
N P Preferred	60¾	Western Union	1

SAN FRANCISCO MINING STOCK BOARD

SALE FRIDAY JAN 8

Hale & Norcross	1 70	Savage	
Sierra Nevada	40	Utah	
Overman	20	Potosi	4
Gould & Curry	80	Mexican	4
Con Cal & Va	1 80	Ophir	4
Bodie	1 10	Original	40
Peerless	5	Mono	5 00

MINING SHARES

NEW YORK Jan 7—In mining shares the feature was Silver Bend which dropped to 1 00 free selling The general list was strong and active Sales Bullion 2 Crown Point 8 Eureka 8 Hale & Norcross 2 Horn Silver 5d 10 Increase 11 Mexican 81 Ophir 5 Plymouth 2 Sierra Nevada 2 Union Con 8 Yellow Jacket 5 Bodie 2 Silver Bend 5d 10 Father Dick Smith 5 Original 2 Central Arizona 11 Belle & Norcross 2 Silver King, 6½

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS

SAN FRANCISCO Jan 7—Weather hazy and northeast

Receipts—Wheat 130 000 ctls flour 6900 sks oats 2700 ctls potatoes 2100 sks barley 6 ctls

Charters—Br bk Army Maid to load 1 tons Liverpool Br bk Ben Nevis 1 tons Liverpool Br ship Rachel Barnes 1 tons Queenstown or Falmouth for orders Br bk Havre to Antwerp at 27s 6d or direct port Ship Gatherer 1 tons direct to Liverpool Br bk Earlsmoor 1 tons Liverpool Br bk Kimberly Wm Dreshach It is reported that Wm Dreshach has taken four other vessels

Outs—Fair demand Oregon at 1 @1 22½ Washington feed 1 @1 10 Barley 1 @1 10

Potatoes—Firmer owing to a falling off in receipts Oregon sacks quote Colfax 75@85c.

Eggs—Were dull 25½@30c for fresh California.

Butter—Unchanged

Wheat—Declining prompt mail at $1 37½@1 37½ It is reported that Wm Dreshach has purchased large lots of Walla Walla on the basis of $1 27 @1 30 for shipment to San Francisco for the week The local market has ruled very dull and would have done credit to a similar period in early summer when none is moving However other markets have found the same dullness we ours to be following them Regarding the English market there is little to say other than it is ruled dull and does not promise the good times that many looked for with the turn of the year Cabled accounts of stocks in London Glasgow and Liverpool are given but no word from other ports is received All the three points present stocks of nearly 1 000 000 bushels wheat and 36 000 bbls flour greater than one year ago This is a material increase with all the figures themselves are not large Of American visible supply increased slightly with this week's showing. This supply puzzles the English operator as it does the speculator They are at a loss to know where farmers have so much wheat, if they yet hold heavy supplies that will leave the lands later in March as they say this fall is all but thank the supply is only waiting for a rise to come on the market. It will be but a very three months before English buyers will be forced by necessity to seek the aid of American millers and the visible supply is expected to commence to carry in the meantime At the low advices by cable on irregular Beerbohm has noted a steadier market while private cables are inclined to anticipate a little decline But the general commercial condition is not encouraging for the immediate future Buyers are not willing to pay much more than the views of holders and the latter are not willing to accept less Millers seem to be the only class of operators who are not discouraged at present Their purchases of wheat are liberal and they are not afraid to pay a little